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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 19.

Additional Local Matter.

Mrs. E. Purchase will go to Milford next Monday for the winter, if she does not get homesick.

Turkeys, Geese, Ducks and Chickens for Xmas. **BRADLEY & SON,** Meat Market.

Fred Michelson, who has been visiting at Monroe, La., stopped at Chicago on his way home but will be here in time for his Christmas dinner.

Don't forget your Christmas Turkey. The finest in town at **BRADLEY & SON'S** Meat Market.

The Jamestown, ter centennial closed Saturday with the record of being one of the most complete failures in the history of expositions. Its debts form a total of \$2,500,000.

Axel Michelson arrived home last Saturday from the mills at Monroe, La., to be present at a meeting of the stockholders in the Grayling Lumber Co., and to spend the holidays. His avoirdupois is largely diminished but he is looking and feeling well.

For Salzburg and St. Charles coal, the best soft coal in the market, call on H. Bates. Orders promptly filled.

Mrs. E. F. Cooper returned to Grayling Tuesday evening, where she and Mr. Cooper will remain for the winter with his mother, Mrs. Pillsbury.

To get your Xmas dinner, leave your order with **BRADLEY & SON** Meat Market.

Do not forget our tax supplement with this issue and watch carefully to know that none of your lands are included in the list.

The "Grand Opening" at Andrew Peterson's Jewelry store last Tuesday was something of an innovation in our village. The new store was beautifully decorated with autumn leaves and his stock, which would do honor to any city establishment, was artistically arranged. He must have bought several green houses as every lady caller was presented a beautiful carnation. The store was well thronged during the afternoon with delighted femininity and jammed in the evening while the "best band" in northern Michigan gave over an hour of time with their most choice numbers in front of the place. We expect he will reap a harvest from his Christmas sales as he deserves.

A very interesting bowling contest between two "Maccabee" teams was pulled off at Smith's bowling alley Tuesday evening. Ed Nolan and Laurence Pillsbury were the captains. Nolan's team won by a majority of 157 pins. Following are the names and the totals of three games: Ed Nolan 546, Jake Letzkus 387, Will Shoemaker 386, Fred Aebi 367, Einar Sorrenson 310, and Wilford Laurant 410, Abe Joseph 407, Carl Cotten 349, Laurence Pillsbury 349, James Ross 345. A beautiful gold Maccabee pin was donated by a business man for the highest score which was won by Nolan, and a box of cigars was also donated by Smith to the winning team. It was a very exciting contest from start to finish.

G. I. Club of Salling.

The Girl's Improvement Club of Salling challenged for debate the Frederic Girls Club. The challenge was accepted and debate came off at Salling last Friday evening.

Subject of debate was "Resolved that Lincoln did more for his country than Geo. Washington." Frederic having the affirmative and Salling the negative. Girls came from Frederic to Salling on train, in charge of Mrs. Ingalls and were met by the G. I. Club and entertained until 7 o'clock when everyone met in the Boarding House dining room for the debate. The room was nicely decorated with flags and bunting the emblems of the club. A few recitations were given and then the debate took place. Miss Carey as captain of the Frederic Club and Miss Wilson—captain of the G. I. Club. The question was ably discussed by both sides; Salling receiving 13 points and Frederic 12. The Frederic Club received 2 points extra for delivery, making them 14 in all.

A dainty lunch was then served to the visiting party who were afterward escorted to the evening train and the last farewells were said.

Wellington Warbles.

Loren Moon went north to work till Christmas.

Our school will soon be closed to give the teacher and pupils a rest.

Parents, why don't you visit the school to encourage the teacher and pupils.

Mrs. Belmore had the misfortune to lose a cow a short time ago, now she is none the wiser.

The Old Folks had a very pleasant time at Mrs. Stewart last Wednesday.

R. Hanna is working for A. Howe in Maple Forest, but is expected home for Christmas.

John Hanna Jr. has returned home after a three weeks visit in Maple Forest.

The Annual Christmas Entertainment of the Presbyterian Church.

PROGRAM—Dec. 20.

Voluntary. Mrs. Roblin
 Prayer
 Chorus. Prince of Peace
 Responsive Scripture Reading
 Recitation. The Sweetest Story
 Solo. Bethlehem Star. Ruth Barlow
 Recitation. A Baby King. Elsie Sparks
 Exercise. Christmas Mistletoes

Class 4
 Song. Christmas Carol. Grand Sisters
 Exercise. Names of the Kings. Class 5

Song. Listen to the Song. Class 6
 Bessie McCullough, Lillian Clark
 Recitation. Adoration of the Wise Men
 Homer Ayers

Song. Credo—Hymns—Miss Sparks
 Recitation. Little Candles Bright
 Three Little Girls

Exercise. Welcome the King
 Classes 4 and 5
 Song. Little Stars. Primary Class
 Chorus. Christmas is the Singing Time. School

Presentation of Sweets etc.
 Doxology
 Benediction.

Lovell's Locals.

C. V. Ferson returned to Toledo, Ohio, Tuesday.

Joseph Douglass was doing business at Grayling Wednesday.

Lewis E. Carrier was doing business at Lewiston Friday.

J. Spencer of Chicago has moved into Ray Owen's house until he can build. We are informed that Mr. Spencer will engage in the poultry business. Mrs. Spencer is quite sick.

Master Newell Underhill received a new cutter Saturday.

Miss M. Ishester was at Johannesburg Friday.

Box social Thursday evening.

Messrs Owen and Shannon our congenial clerks are two busy men; they can't wait on customers fast enough and Ed has to get back of the counter and help. Business is good and wait street don't cut any ice at Lovell.

Our school teacher, Miss Mark, is giving the best of satisfaction.

DAN.

To The Public.

It has been rumored so that it has come to my notice that I keep Gray hounds and that I have been running deer all the fall. Right here I wish it distinctly understood that I do not own a hound of any description and have not at any time during the past year. And I also wish to say that I have not run deer with a hound in 10 years.

I still own thousands of acres of land in Crawford and Otsego counties. I am a friend of the persecuted game warden no matter who he may be if he does his duty. When the average sportsman expresses an uncompromising opinion of the game warden of his district, he may not realize that he is injuring his own standing as a sportsman, but he would be indignant if told that in stirring up sentiment against the warden he incites violence of the game laws. Almost invariably the game warden is a misanthropic old man, and pursues his calling at the cost of considerable personal bravery. If any sportsman doubts this let him secure appointment as a deputy game warden and familiarize himself with the life the game warden lives.

Crawford and Otsego counties are two of the greatest counties in the United States for game. The beautiful Au-Sable river is one if not the greatest river for trout; its waters contain millions of speckled brown and rainbow trout. I saw one caught at Lovell this summer that tipped the scales at 2½ pounds. In its mountains and valleys there are deer grazing like sheep. Partridge in abundance.

Now my brother Sportsman let us preserve our game and stand by our game warden, and our country will be a sportsman's paradise.

When I first came to Crawford county 5 years ago, I was a sick man, but the fishing and hunting attracted my attention and the game warden cured me and I am a well man and a citizen of Crawford county.

Dr. C. F. UNDERHILL, Lovell.

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Merry Christmas
 AND A
Happy New Year

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A Carefully Selected Stock of
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Such as Fancy China ware, Pipes—with and without cases—at all prices, Leather Goods, Music Rolls Toilet cases—for gents' and ladies'—a complete line of Dolls, Stationary, Books, Games, Toys, Military sets, Whisk Broom Holders, Fountain Pens, Perfumes—in bulk and fancy boxes—Wall Pictures at all prices, Fancy Box Candy, Bibles and Testaments, an endless variety of articles suitable for

Holiday Presents.

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Long and medium length coats, in Black, Gray and Brown \$10.00, \$12.00, \$13.00, \$14.00 and \$20.00.

Mens' Suits.

Made in the latest styles, in all colors \$10, \$12, \$15, \$18 and \$20.

Mens' Hats.

We have just received a new shipment of hats in both stiff and soft shapes. Try one of our new brands \$2 to \$3.

Ladies' Coats and Skirts.

We have just received a new shipment in all the latest styles at manufacturers prices. You can get a new coat from us for the regular price. Our line of dress goods is all new and up to date. Come and examine it.

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FIFTH ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK.

Block	Amount of taxes	Interest	Collection fee	Charges	Total
lots 17, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.....	\$0.62	\$0.10	\$0.02	\$1.00	\$1.80
lots 19 and 20.....	1.00	0.01	0.01	1.00	2.02
lots 21, 22, 23 and 24.....	1.00	0.01	0.01	1.00	2.02
lots 25, 26, 27 and 28.....	1.00	0.01	0.01	1.00	2.02
lots 29 and 30.....	1.00	0.01	0.01	1.00	2.02
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FOURTH ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK.

Block	Amount of taxes	Interest	Collection fee	Charges	Total
lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.....	\$0.12	\$0.03	\$0.01	\$1.00	\$1.16

PORTAGE HEIGHTS.

Block	Amount of taxes	Interest	Collection fee	Charges	Total
lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.....	\$1.24	\$0.32	\$0.05	\$1.00	\$2.61

SINTH ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK.

Block	Amount of taxes	Interest	Collection fee	Charges	Total
lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.....	\$0.61	\$0.13	\$0.02	\$1.00	\$1.76

FIRST ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK.

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lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.....	\$1.12	\$0.30	\$0.05	\$1.00	\$2.47

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 cured me and I am a well man and a
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 Dr. C. F. UNDERHILL, Lovell.

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 19

Local and Neighborhood News.

Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are one dollar per year in advance. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want your money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondence, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and can not be considered later.

Subscribers take Notice

On and after the first day of January, 1908, the subscription price of the **AVANCE** will be \$1.50 per year payable in advance. The price of paper is higher than ever before known, and the cost of all material used in the printing business has advanced to such an extent that this action is an imperative necessity if the paper is to be kept even self sustaining, to say nothing of any profit. All subscriptions received before January 1st, whether new or renewals will be at \$1.00 per year.

A new advertising schedule will also be made for the coming year.

Every subscriber to the **AVANCE** is requested to look at the date on his paper this week, and to read the notice above.

The **AVANCE** force, send wishes for a Merry Christmas to all its readers.

For fire insurance see R. W. Brink.

Be in the lookout for Hathaway's new stock of Xmas goods.

The demand for dry wood far exceeds the supply and prices are soaring.

Go to C. J. Hathaway for Edison phonographs and records.

Mrs. E. Hassen of Utica, Mich., is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Crandall.

The prices are as small as the assortment is large at Sorenson's Furniture store.

Look up our subscription offers, and arrange for your next year's reading at once.

The McKay house has changed hands again. Jeff McMann is the new landlord.

Give me your order for a nice song bird for Xmas. Come and see what I have to offer. VICTOR SALER.

P. Michelson is the new manager of the hotel part of the Manistee House. Mr. Anderson retiring.

Remarkably low prices at Sorenson's Furniture store.

FOR SALE—A pair of heavy sleighs as good as new. Price \$15. N. P. Olson.

Frank Crego and wife have returned to New York State after a couple weeks visit with their daughter here.

FOR SALE—A span of good ponies good drivers and good workers. cheap for cash. H. Fancik, Pere Chevre.

Jesse Duffell, who has been in a Detroit hospital for the past five months is visiting with his daughter, Mrs. P. Michelson.

FOR SALE—A fine young team, half brothers closely matched, good drivers and good workers, sound and all right. O. PALMER.

We call the attention of our readers to the different display ads of our merchants, advertising the stock of well selected holiday goods.

For sewing machines, the best in the market, and at the lowest price, call at the **AVANCE** office.

The proprietors of the New Russell House, appreciating the work of D. S. Waldron, clerk, have given him three weeks vacation, only stipulating that he shall retain his room and place at table while he is resting.

LOST—A gent's silk neck scarf, black with blue figures, and blue bars in the back. Finder will please leave it at this office or with Mrs. Wm. Schreiber.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church are unanimous in their expression of thanks to the merchants and citizens of the village for their liberal donations, which made the fair a financial success. Mrs. D. Countryman, Pres.

FOR SALE—Cheap for cash, house with ten acres on the south side, all in good condition with some river frontage. Also several good improved farms at your own price. Enquire at this office.

Don't come to us if you want a white buckwheat flour (of corn flour and wheat) but if you want the pure, dark old-fashioned article, we have it. Milled so as to retain the sweet honey flavor of the old-fashioned buckwheat cake. Try a 10 pound sack at 43 cents today. Guaranteed Pure. South Side Market. S. S. Phelps, Propr.

Alfred Olson is at Marlette taking a special course in pharmacy.

Rosper Hanson is yet visiting in San Francisco, taking in the sights of the earthquake city.

A Garland Air Tight Heater for sale. Price \$10. A bargain for some one. Inquire at this office.

Our holiday stock—highest in quality—broadest in variety—fairest in price, at Sorenson's furniture store.

The breaking of a shaft in the planing mill last week gave the boys a few days rest.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church cleared over a hundred dollars at their fair last week. A substantial help.

The stocks of Christmas goods are more complete in our village than ever before. Look over our advertising columns for particulars.

LOST—A ladies pocket book with about \$4 in money. Finder please return to this office and receive reward.

Canary Birds—Imported Harz Canaries, St. Andreasburg Canaries, English Canaries, also many other kinds of song and fancy birds for sale. Victor Saller.

The Protestant Methodist Church society have procured a bell for their church on the south side of the river, which will now be heard to call them to worship.

C. B. Johnson of Maple Forest was in town Monday. He reports it lively in the woods in that section with the coming of the snow.

Our winter arrived last Saturday with an all day snow continued Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. There was about 12 inches but the weather was moderate and lumbermen are happy.

Notice our supplement this week, giving a list of the lands in Crawford County to be sold for the tax of 1905 and previous years. Do not destroy it until you are certain that none of your lands are included.

Congressman—Lund accompanied the president and his party to the starting of the great fleet last Tuesday. He is wonderfully interested in our naval affairs, of which congressional committee he is a member.

The Osego County Herald is improving with every issue, and will fully maintain the standing reached by Mr. McKimley. The new owners have wisely advanced their subscription price to \$1.50.

P. A. Johnson of Maple Forest has a fine coat that will be three years old next spring, which captured the blue ribbon at the Gaylord fair this fall. Mr. Johnson desires to sell the coat but if not sold he will keep him for service next season.

The Protestant Methodist Sabbath school will have a Christmas tree at their church Christmas eve. A program has been arranged of recitations, readings, choruses and songs, which will prove a pleasant part of the evening with the usual gifts.

A change in the management of the Roscommon "News" is announced in their last issue and many improvements promised, which its readers hope will be consummated. It has been on the lower hill side as a newspaper for some time.

Roscommon boasts of a new printing office. Its first paper, the "Roscommon Herald," is expected to appear today, published by the Roscommon Publishing Company. Mr. Matheson the editor was in the village last week and made us a fraternal call. He thinks the outlook good for their success.

The annual stockholders and directors meeting of the M. & H. Lbr. Co. was held here on Monday. The members from out of town were: N. Michelson, Pres., G. L. Alexander, Sec., R. Hanson, Lewis Jensen and N. Olson. Lewiston Journal.

The stringency of the money market, which caused many lumbermen to curtail their operations and resulted in many men being thrown out of employment, is assuming a better aspect and within the past few days we hear of a number of operations along the line of the Michigan Central railroad starting up again, but they are taking their pick of the men who will be obliged to work for less wages than they did last winter. Ex.

Col. E. L. Davis, in a report to the war department submitted to congress yesterday on the results of a preliminary survey of the Au Sable river, with a view to obtaining a depth of ten feet, says that in his opinion experience has amply shown that a permanent improvement of this river can be made at a figure at all commensurate with the amount of commerce to be benefited. He does not believe the amount of commerce on this stream great enough to warrant the expense of continual dredging, which seems to be about the only method that promises to give the required depth of ten feet. He therefore recommends that the contemplated work be not undertaken by the government.

Much seed was destroyed by a fire which occurred in the building occupied by the Bureau of Plant Industry of the Agricultural Department. According to statements made by Dr. B. T. Galloway, chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, about half of the garden and flower seeds were destroyed, the damage amounting to about \$75,000. As a result of the fire about one hundred employees will be out of work, and the distribution of government seed will probably be stopped for the year.

Presbyterian Church.

Sabbath December 22, 1907.

Children's service 10.30 a. m. Subj. "Two Stars" Matt. 2: 10

C. E. meeting, Sunday evening at 6 p. m.

Evening service at 7.00. Subject, "The Joy of Christmas" Luke 2: 10

T. C. C. of Presbyterian church meets every Tuesday at 7.30 p. m.

Cottage Prayer meeting Thursday evening, 7.00 p. m. with Mrs. Malcolm McCloud Subj. Luke 2: 10-14.

Parents allow four children to be at the church by 10.15 Sunday morning on account of class books having to be marked. We would like to see the parents of every child attending our Sunday school, also others who may wish to come. "For whosoever will, may come," meet with the children in God's house next Sabbath. The service will be interesting for both parents and children.

The experience social which was to have been at Mrs. Filkins Wednesday evening had to be postponed on account of measles.

The annual Christmas entertainment will be given Friday evening at 7. Come one, come all. "For unto you was born, in the city of David, a Saviour."

Parents—please do not bring gifts to the church to be put on the tree for your children. We are trying a different plan which will work with better success.

REV. W. B. MACGREGOR, Pastor.

A Whole Family.

Rev. L. A. Dunlap, Mount Vernon, Mo., says: "My children were afflicted with a cough resulting from measles, my wife with a cough that had prevented her sleeping more or less for five years, and Warner's White Wine of Tar has cured them all." For sale at Central Drug Store.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church will hold a special meeting at the home of Mrs. G. W. Crandall for the payment of dues, on Friday Dec. 20. All members are requested to be present.

He Fought at Gettysburg.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., who lost a foot at Gettysburg, writes: "Electric Bitters have done me more good than any medicine I ever took. For several years I had stomach trouble, and paid out much money for medicine to little purpose, until I began taking Electric Bitters. I would not take \$500 for what they have done for me." Grand tonic for the aged and for female weaknesses. Great alternative and body builder. Best of all for lame back and weak kidneys. Guaranteed by A. M. Lewis druggist. 50c.

Appendicitis.

Is due in a large measure to abuse of the bowels, by employing drastic purgatives. To avoid all danger, use only Dr. King's New Life Pills—the safe, reliable, cleansing and invigorating—guaranteed for headache, biliousness, malaria and jaundice, at A. M. Lewis's drug store. 75c.

Consumption Cure.

Warner's White Wine of Tar, Syrup the best cough remedy on earth, cures a cold in one day. If taken in time. For sale at Central drug store.

\$100.00 Reward

for the arrest and conviction of anyone cutting green timber on any of our lands in Crawford County. Report the same to Charles L. DeWaele, Prosecuting Attorney of Roscommon, Michigan. Settlers are welcome to any down wood or dead timber, for fuel. Michigan Central Park Co., 115 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. dec3-am

A Significant Prayer.

"May the Lord help you make Bucklen's Arnica Salve known to all," writes J. G. Jenkins, of Chapel Hill, N. C. "It quickly took the pain out of my forehead and cured it in a wonderfully short time." Best on earth for sores, burns and wounds. 25c. at A. M. Lewis's drug store.

M. E. Church.

Sunday Dec. 22nd, the Pastor will preach morning and evening on purely Christmas themes. All the services of the day at the usual hours. On Monday evening Dec. 23rd there will be a Christmas tree in connection with which will be given an hour's entertainment by the Sunday school. Santa Claus is expected to arrive about 8.30. Parents are invited to come and bring their children to the Sabbath services and to the Christmas tree.

May we all enter into the true spirit of Christmas as we commemorate the birth of Him who came to bring "peace on earth, good will to men."

E. G. JOHNSON, Pastor.

Told in a few Words.

Chas. Casselton, of Cumberland, Wyoming, says: "he had the worst cough a man ever had and cured it in a few days with Dr. Warner's White Wine of Tar." For sale at Central drug store.

WANTED!

A large and successful Life Insurance Company desires the services of an energetic representative for this county.

To the proper person a contract will be offered that will result in building up an increasing income each year. A splendid opportunity for the right man.

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Notice of Commissioners on Claims.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss. COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, ss. Probate Court for said County.

Estate of Fayette P. Richardson deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed by the Judge of Probate, of said county, Commissioners on Claims in the matter of said estate, and six months from the 15th day of October A. D. 1907, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate, to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment.

Notice is hereby given that we will meet on Monday the 19th day of December A. D. 1907, and on Wednesday the 15th day of April A. D. 1908, at ten o'clock a. m. of each of those days, at the residence of George Hartman, in the township of South Branch in said county, to receive and examine such claims.

Dated Oct. 29, A. D. 1907.

GEORGE HARTMAN, JAMES P. CRANE, Commissioners.

Buying days from now until Christmas!

These are Buying days for Xmas Shoppers. Every day is valuable, with only a short time to do your selecting. Early buyers receive many advantages—chief among them being finest choice of selection and avoidance of the crowds of last day shopping. Our stock of Christmas goods in every department was never so complete, so beautiful, so cheap, so again, come early.

Here are some Xmas opportunities from among the Mens', Womens' and Childrens' wearables:

Mens' Neckwear and Mufflers in the new shapes and colorings.	Jackets, Sweaters, Gloves and Skirts.
Mens' Smoking Jackets, House Slippers, Gloves and everything in the ready-to-wear line, in endless variety.	Linen Scarfs, Towels, Lunch cloths and Dollies, make a useful gift.
Come and select what you want and we will lay it away for you.	Why not get the boy a splendid selection at very low prices.
Holiday Suspenders, one pair in a box.	Boys' and Girls' Gloves.
Womens' Waists in the new styles, Caps, Leggings, Coats and new plaids and plain colors.	all most economically priced.
Special prices on Fur coats.	Ladies' Holiday aprons
The largest line of Nugas in town or Swiss, plain or dotted, with lace or ribbon trimmings, at 25c. to 75c.	

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Christmas!

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Do not buy until you inspect my large up-to-date line of Jewelry, such as Lockets and Chains, Fobs, Bracelets, Scarfs, Hat and Beauty Pins, Cuff Buttons, Solid Gold Rings, Ladies' Watches, Mounted Combs. Also Sterling and plated Silver Ware, Carving Sets, Clocks and Hand Painted China. Do not forget my Fountain Pens, and Phonographs and Records. My prices are right, and have not been raised for this occasion. Call and be convinced!

Yours for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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The Boom Continues!

Lots sold on monthly payments.

Brink's Addition on the South side had more dwelling houses built on it in the past two years than any other two additions in the village of Grayling.

Don't Pay Rent! Get Yourself a Home!

TERMS TO SUIT PURCHASER.

W. F. BRINK.

The Avalanche

C. PALMER, Publisher.

MAINTAINED BY THE PEOPLE

GERMAN EXPORTS CUT DOWN.

Financial Disturbance in United States Hurts Dealers.

German financial writers are of the opinion that the monetary situation in the United States will diminish exports to that country. The Berlin Times has gathered interviews with exporters to the United States and with the heads of firms whose business consists in part of manufacturing for the American market. The men who have expressed their views represent firms in the linen and knit goods business, leather and metal cases, glass, dress goods, glass, and other lines. The orders upon hand for some lines will run until August. September, but beyond this buyers show hesitation. One important thing in the leather trade is that business has been seriously damaged and that almost no orders have been placed in the beginning of the year. There have been extraordinarily large exports of fur to the United States this season, and as a result stocks in Europe are generally reduced. The large fur dealers have agreed to raise prices on Jan. 1. Americans seem to be going in for furs rather than for diamonds.

HIGH RATES SHUT MILLS.

Witnesses Before Interstate Commerce Board Accuse Railroads.

That scores of mills have been compelled to shut down because of excessive rates on the Pacific Northwest was alleged in the interstate-commerce hearing in Washington. Witnesses testified that they were unable to place their product on the market east of the Rocky mountains at a profit and that they could not depend upon the local market in their territory to provide for them such a market as would enable them to maintain their business. The fact of excessive rates in the Pacific Northwest was not sufficient to show that the rates were not excessive, but really were fair and equitable compared with the rates given producers of manufactured goods in the southern yellow pine district.

CHILD LABOR LAW IS INVALID.

Ohio Circuit Court Decides the Means.

The Ohio state child labor law, which forbids the employment of children under 14 years in any factory or other heavy manual labor, was declared unconstitutional by the circuit court in session at St. Clairsville, Ohio. The reason behind the law was that the law forbids the liberty of the employer to employ children under 14 years of age, and the United States Supreme Court has held that the state cannot interfere with the liberty of the employer to employ children under 14 years of age.

GAS STOVE KILLS TWO WOMEN.

Servants in Rich Man's Home Are Asphyxiated.

Edmond Griggs and Miss Mary Liversay, servants, were asphyxiated at the home of John Griggs, a prominent business man of Portsmouth, Ohio. The women were found dead in the kitchen, where there were strong fumes of a gas stove. The cause of the deaths was determined to be carbon monoxide gas from the gas stove.

MURDERER PUT TO DEATH.

Richard E. Walton, Colored, Was Hanged in the County Jail.

Richard E. Walton, colored, was hanged in the county jail at Chillicothe, Ohio, for the murder of Mrs. J. H. Grant. Walton was a 35-year-old colored man who was convicted of the murder of Mrs. J. H. Grant, a white woman, in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Bank Manager Kills Himself.

Suicide Follows Collapse of San Francisco Institution.

F. O'Way Sullivan, manager of the West End branch of the California Savings and Loan Association, shot himself in San Francisco. He was a 45-year-old man who was the manager of the West End branch of the California Savings and Loan Association.

Seven Dead, Many Injured.

High Water Caused the Collapse of a New Bridge in Course of Erection over the West Branch of the Susquehanna River at Millville, Md.

Seven men were killed and many injured when a new bridge collapsed in the West Branch of the Susquehanna River at Millville, Md. The bridge was in the process of being erected and the high water caused it to collapse.

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Wreck on Lake Erie.

With her rudder gone, the tug Letta of Cleveland limped into Sandusky, Ohio, during the night the tug lost the rudder. Detroit No. 2, of Cedar Point, and one man, Samuel Simpson of Cleveland, were drowned. A terrific storm raged on Lake Erie.

Given Antioxin Falls Dead.

Ely Meitzel, aged 34 years, fell dead in Norristown, Pa., after he had been given an injection of antioxin. His daughter is ill with influenza and as a preventive it was decided to administer the drug.

Sewing Machine Agents Strike.

The Singer Sewing Machine Agents' Union has ordered a general strike of its 800 members. A higher commission, a closed shop and the reinstatement of several discharged agents are demanded. It is said the strike will include agents in Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and New York.

BANK HEAD AND SONS INDICTED.

Four of Jenkins Family Held on Conspiracy and Perjury Charges.

John G. Jenkins, former president of the First National bank of Brooklyn, N. Y., and his three sons were indicted by the Kings county grand jury on charges of conspiracy and perjury. This is the first indictment against the elder Jenkins, but his sons already had been indicted on other charges. They are John G. Jenkins, Jr., former president of the Jenkins Trust Company; Frank Jenkins, former president of the Williamsburg Trust Company; and Frederick Jenkins, a director in those institutions. The deeds of all of those institutions were closed several weeks ago. The father and sons had been warned that they would be indicted, and they were present to be arraigned. Their counsel pleaded guilty to their indictments and bail for John G. Jenkins, Sr., was fixed at \$10,000, while that of his sons was \$2,500, as they are already under heavier bail in other cases. The charges against them are based on the loans alleged to have been made by the First National bank of Brooklyn and the two trust companies to the accused person.

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MARRIES BOY WHO SAVED HER.

Margaret Vedova Is Now Child Wife of Chicago Soldier.

Miss Margaret Vedova, 14 years old, who attempted to commit suicide at her home in St. Louis, Mo., because she was not permitted to wed her sweetheart, Charles Virgin, with whom she rode in a box car to Jefferson City while wearing boys' clothing three months ago, and who is now serving a term of two years in the penitentiary on charges which drew out the courtship, has accepted Dr. St. Charles, Mo., with Chicago's Stimm, 20 years old. Stimm, whose home is directly back of the Vedova home, carried Margaret to the female hospital, 190 blocks away, at the time she endeavored to end her life, and the hospital physicians stated afterward that the heroic efforts of the young man saved the life of the girl when she was in a desperate condition. Margaret is now in the juvenile court and returns every four weeks to Judge Williams.

ASK A LUTEP ON STANDARD OIL.

Oil Producers of Kansas and Oklahoma Fear They May Lose Market.

A delegation of twenty independent oil producers of Kansas and Oklahoma, representing 70 per cent of the production of the independent field, called on Attorney General Johnson in Topeka, Kan., and demanded that he order the Standard Oil Company to discontinue its business in the independent field. The producers fear the oil of the Standard Oil Company from the oil of the independent field. The Standard Oil Company is the largest oil company in the world and it is feared that it will lose its market if it is forced to discontinue its business in the independent field.

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New York Boy Sentenced in Brazil—Government May Save Him.

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FAMOUS STRIKE IS ENDED.

Western Federation Officially Calls Off Cripple Creek Walkout.

The executive board of the Western Federation of Miners has officially called off the strike in the Cripple Creek district of Colorado, giving as the reason that the camp is in need of skilled workers and that many union men employed in less favorable places can go to Cripple Creek and accept work without violating their pledges. The Cripple Creek strike was declared Aug. 12, 1907, in sympathy with the miners of Colorado. The striking events that followed, including the declaration of martial law and the deportation of union men, made Colorado the center of interest for many months. The board has received a message from officers in British Columbia stating that strikers are being sent to the mines and asking for advice. The reply sent was to "stand pat." Acting Secretary Kirwin had the following to say: "If the threatened action is made in British Columbia more than 1,000 skilled miners will lay down their tools and the mining industry of the Canadian West will be crippled."

USE WHITE LABORERS ONLY.

Corporation Awarded Government Contract Will Experiment.

The War Department in Washington has awarded a contract for the construction of two large dams in the Black Warrior river, Alabama, to a Pittsburgh corporation known as the Davis Contracting Company at their bid of \$750,000. This corporation, with the knowledge of the War Department, is about to engage in an experiment of great interest and importance to the South in undertaking to carry out the large project by the use of white labor exclusively. The basis for this decision is the fact that the contractors believe they can at the present time easily secure the necessary amount of white labor in Pennsylvania and adjacent manufacturing States as a result of the existing industrial depression.

BANDITS CARRY OFF \$3,000.

Bank of Aldrich, Mo., Robbed in Jesse James Style.

The Bank of Aldrich, Mo., was robbed of \$3,000 in Jesse James style Thursday afternoon. Shortly before 3 o'clock three men drove to the bank in a heavy two-ton car and entered the building, pointed revolvers at the cashier and bookkeeper and demanded the cash. The third man remained in the lobby. The cashier gave up about \$3,000, which was the amount in the drawers, but did not go to the vault for the larger sums kept there. The bank officers then were compelled to walk in front of the bank, which was directly to the edge of the town. They were permitted to return to the bank, carrying the three robbers was driven away rapidly.

N. Y. WANTS 700 TEACHERS.

Rigid Examinations Cause Death of Instruction in Public Schools.

Wanted—Seven hundred school teachers. Apply to board of education, City of New York. This advertisement has not yet appeared in the want columns of the daily papers, but it may soon be necessary to publish it. The New York board of education is finding it impossible to secure the required number of teachers to carry on the schools. The board has offered a prize of \$100 to the person who can secure the required number of teachers. The board is also offering a prize of \$100 to the person who can secure the required number of teachers.

SUBMITS BOUNDARY CLAIM.

Tokyo Government Gets Memorandum, with Korean Missions.

China has submitted to the Tokyo government through Baron Gonsuke Hayashi, the Japanese minister, a statement of her side of the Chien-Tao boundary dispute. This consists of a memorandum in which China admits the sovereignty of China over the Chien-Tao territory. The memorandum is signed by both China and Korea and states that the Chien-Tao territory is under the control of China and Korea.

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Officer Who Defended Port Arthur Charged with Surrendering Fort.

DISPLAY OF RUSSIAN POMP.

Crippled and Star-Spangled Veterans Who Fought Japan at Port Arthur There in Force.

Before a brilliant assemblage of his old comrades in arms, Lieut. Gen. Stoessel was placed on trial in St. Petersburg to answer with his life and reputation for the loss of Port Arthur and Jan. 1, 1905, and in firm tones and with confident manner, the general pleaded not guilty to the charge of needlessly surrendering the fortress and thereby humiliating the Russian army.

The trial took place in the auditorium of the Army and Navy Club. The room resembled more a social gathering of officers of high rank than the scene of a court martial. Among the judges, spectators and witnesses were Gen. Skripnikin, Gen. Linvitch, Gen. Benckendorf, Vice Admiral Wiron, and scores of other prominent leaders in the Russo-Japanese war. There were

also present 200 officers and soldiers who had been at Port Arthur and who were clad in their full dress uniforms blazoned with stars and decorations.

Gen. Stoessel alone was in civilian attire, and this made him conspicuous. He wore proudly around his neck the cordon of the military order of St. George, which was conferred upon him by the emperor during the siege, and on his breast was pinned the cross of George III, awarded the general for conspicuous bravery in frontier fighting.

This same coveted decoration was worn by many of the witnesses and spectators. Empty sleeves and crutches, especially among the men who had been at Port Arthur, showed that many of them had seen hard service during the war.

It seems that the per capita expenditure in 1908 was \$22.22, while in 1907 it was \$20.22. We hope none of the board members is alarmed over that. —New York Tribune.

Brokers' wives, owing to the tightness of things monetary, have resolved to play bridge only sixteen hours a day instead of twenty, as heretofore. —New York Mail.

There is nothing whatever in business or financial conditions in this country to cause uneasiness to any man who is engaged in an honest business. —Washington Post.

"There will be a further drop in the prices of provisions and meats," says an Armour manager. "Further?" Says anyone noticed the previous drop? —New York World.

At the Weather Bureau these days they are enjoying a delightful new game, known as "Earthquake, earthquake, who's got the earthquake?" —Washington Herald.

A seat on the New York Stock Exchange has dropped to the insignificant sum of \$23,000. Doubtless, standing room is down as low as \$12,000. —Washington Herald.

Japan is buying great quantities of American-made steel rails. Let her alone! A rattling good railroad problem will give her all the war she wants at home. —Atlanta Constitution.

A Pennsylvania judge announces that applicants for divorce must pay costs. Why not be forewarned and insert a divorce clause in the marriage certificate? —Philadelphia Ledger.

That Massachusetts case, in which a man got a divorce from his wife because she went through his pockets every night, was probably raised before the money stringency came on. —Philadelphia Press.

Sixty days in jail was the penalty incurred by a rash young man who sent a dynamite bomb to the Governor of Colorado. It would be interesting to know what the courts out there regard as a serious crime. —Philadelphia Ledger.

A Pittsburg exchange claims that the people there have more money per capita than the people of any other American city. No mention is made of the wickedness per capita, but that is doubtless as great as the financial showing. —Washington Post.

A New York woman killed herself after starting the phonograph apparently desiring to have some pretext for her desperation. —Philadelphia Ledger.

A Tennessee man has discovered a species of worm that eats English sparrows. Hereafter the early bird will do well to watch out and not get caught by the worm. —Washington Herald.

An Ohio convict made \$20,000 while serving a five-year term. He got board and clothing free, too. A scamp may be expected for positions under that warden. —Philadelphia Ledger.

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HomeCircleDepartment

Crude thoughts as they fall from the Editorial Pen—Pleasant Evening Reveries.

A column dedicated to "Tired Mothers" as they join the HomeCircle at Evening Tide.

The Old Homestead:
Ah! here it is, that dear old place,
Unchanged through all these years,
How like some sweet, familiar face
My childhood's home appears!

The grand old trees beside the door
Still spread their branches wide,
The river winds "as of yore,"
With sweetly murmuring tide.

The distant hills look green and grey,
The flowers are blooming wild,
And everything looks glad to-day,
As when I was a child.

Christmas Reveries:
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How Dorothy and the Treasure

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Pretty young Dorothy Vance realized somewhat of the meaning of death as the clouds fell heavily upon the coffin that bore all of parent or guardian that she had ever known.

And odd as Miss Underwood, she was acknowledged by all to have been all that anyone could wish her to be to the little orphan of her only sister.

She had taken the child Dorothy at this sister's death and reared her and educated her as if she had indeed been her own. Now she was a young lady and engaged to Harvey Wentworth.

A few friends gathered after the funeral and listened to the will which the old lawyer read, giving all my property to my only living relative and beloved niece, Dorothy Vance.

There were no minor legacies, only this: "When the old lawyer had finished reading the short document, he placed in the girl's hands a letter and packet given him by Miss Jane on her death-bed, to be given unopened to my niece Dorothy on the day of my funeral."

The congratulations over, the small company dispersed, and Dorothy was left alone to brood over her loneliness and count her wealth.

For awhile she forgot all about the letter and packet, in wondering over what her immediate future would be like.

Then she remembered and listlessly opened both. The packet, which she opened first, contained a large purse, filled with bank notes and coins.

Dorothy laid it aside while she read the letter:

"My Dear Dorothy: I expect you are sorry that I am dead, even if we never did see much of each other. You did not waste much love on me, but don't think I blame you. I loved you for your mother's sake first, and after that for your own. But I never cared much for love in return, so I didn't care any too much of it.

"However, that doesn't matter now; what does matter is this, that I am dead and have left you all my property. You may think the house and the old place all there is for you, but it isn't. There's money besides, and it is all yours, provided you can find it."

"It's in the house somewhere," "Nobody else knows anything about this, not even my lawyer, and you are not to tell anyone." Remember, not a hint even to Harvey Wentworth.

"There's enough money in the purse to keep you a year at least." "Keep all the old servants for this one year, if they will stay, and pay them the same wages that I did. After that you may do as you please about it. If you do not find the money at all this year, you can tell your husband, if you then have one, and have him help you hunt for it.

"You know how much I always thought of the old sewing machine, keep it always. It is my wedding gift to you, or birthday gift, if your lover falls you. Keep it clean, too; the machine, I mean; do all your sewing on it this year, and for money's sake, it is at least once a week, and do it thoroughly.

"Keep the cut-glass molasses pitcher—always on the table, and keep it full. I detest a half-filled sirup-pitcher.

"Your loving old aunt," "Jane Underwood."

It was a queer letter, and Dorothy sat still a few minutes, gazing at it in comic dismay, then she read it over again.

It was not the hidden money that made the most impression on her at first, but the odd command relative to the old machine and the molasses pitcher.

The molasses-pitcher was full when Miss Jane died, and it stayed full; and Dorothy breakfasted, lunched, and dined with the handsome old cut-glass pitcher, full of golden-brown molasses, always in the place of honor.

She searched day after day for the hidden money. Very carefully she had to work for not even the servants must guess her purpose, and servants, even the best of them, are apt to be all eyes and ears when a secret is concerned, especially when it is no concern of theirs.

More than once during the first week did Dorothy's small staff rejoice over an entire afternoon off, and little did they imagine how kitchen, pantry and cellar were ransacked in their absence.

Dorothy received a letter from an old schoolmate. The friend was some years older than Dorothy and had married when still quite young. She was now the mother of two little "cherubs," whose charms and sayings filled most of her letters.

The next letter carried a long letter to the friend-urging her to bring the two children and make a long visit. She sent word back that she would gladly come, and that two weeks would bring her.

The train which was to carry away the guests left, early in the morning, so, after a hurried breakfast, Dorothy accompanied them to the station. As she left the dining-room, she said to the maid:

"Leave the table alone until I return, for I have not had time to wash the china."

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Arrived at home, Dorothy was about to ring for the maid when a gleam of something shining caught her eye—something tiny and bright in the flowing liquid, not far from the mouth of the overturned vessel.

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Conquering her impatience to search for the key-hole to which this fascinating key belonged, she put the precious thing away in her pocket and summoned the maid and the table was cleared up.

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"I have to give it up," she thought, "just then her eye fell on the old machine and she remembered with a pang of shock that she had not dusted it for over two weeks."

She dropped the key to her pocket again, and soon was busy with water and oil cloth, cleaning and polishing the antique piece of furniture.

There were not a few scratches and after their long neglect, were hard to clean. She looked about for a bit of stick or a match with which to scrape out the accumulated dust, but not one was in sight.

"At the key," she thought, and out it came, and proved to be just the thing. "It's good for something—at any rate," she said to herself with a rapid smile.

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Before she could fairly take in this when it was slipped in the crack between the head, and like a shot the whole front of the machine seemed to fly out at her.

She jumped back and stared in bewilderment at the strange sight that met her eyes.

A tiny drawer the whole length of the machine, four inches wide and one and one-half inches deep, had been made in the front of the walnut stand, and Dorothy had unwittingly pressed the spring back released it, when she was cleaning with the unsuspected key-hole.

Such wealth as was in the shallow drawer! First, in the shining row there were six gold pieces, one for each year of Aunt Jane's life, and each one a \$50 piece. And below that the drawer was packed with bills.

It amounted to over \$20,000! Uttered words to Dorothy, and her face flashed as she looked at the money.

Underneath as to what on earth she should ever do with it all. When she thought of Harvey and decided to put it all away until their wedding day, and then turn it over to him. He would know what best to do with it.

Then came line and thought of the white to deck the bride. And when the last guest had gone Dorothy told her secret, and gave her wealth into her husband's hands.

The money went into the bank, where it draws a sum that adds to the comfort of the young couple, and the little folks that later romp and play about the old house.

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